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Molecular Recognition to Changes
in Fluorescence Intensity

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) AND
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response for the purpose of filing a Response to Office Action mailed March 29, 2002 in the above-referenced patent application be extended for two (2) months to and including August 29, 2002. Please debit the \$200 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) or any additional fees due from Deposit Account 07-1185.

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- 1) Response (28 pages) + Amended Figure 2A/2B (1 page);
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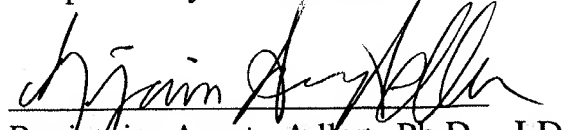
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